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Smokers Go Down



Photo by Chris Spence

LB students take a break and "light up" in one of the few remaining designated smoking areas on campus. Due to ventilation concerns, college administrators eliminated all second floor smoking areas and restricted smoking to a handful of areas on the ground floor. Areas are designated by red trash receptacles.

Winter term sees end to smoking on second floor

by Michelle Mayo

of The Commuter

Smokers on campus will now have to move their butts to new designated smoking areas.

Due to poor ventilation and air circulation problems, the designated smoking areas on the secondfloor and near the core stairways are now off limits to

The relocated areas are now on the ground level of campus near the parking lots, by the Greenhouse, and in marked areas around the quad.

LB student Ben Hughes disagrees with the move.

"It doesn't anger me that I have to go downstairs to smoke, it's more that the school is trying to curb my lifestyle," he said. "The next thing I know they will start asking for identification when I light up. The old areas were in ventilated areas and I haven't seen any scientific support that smoke is penetrating the lungs of the non-smokers. It's just the biased opinions of people who don't like the smell of smoke."

LB's new smoking policies first started making waves with smokers in February of 2000 when a survey was conducted among 300 students by Student Life and Leadership and the Linn County Tobacco Free Coalition. The survey said that 62 percent of students favored a smoke free campus.

In April of 2000 rumors flew that there could be penalties for smoking in non-designated areas. Vern Jackson, head of campus security said "The college is

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Students pay homage to Martin Luther King, Jr. with series of events

by Gelina Inches of The Commuter

LBCC, the Corvallis Boys and Girls club and AMF lanes in Albany will be participating in several events in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King this week. The events are sponsored by the Student Programming board, the Multi-Cultural center and Student Ambassadors.

Today in the Alsea/Calapooia room an International food fair will be held from 12-1 p.m. teaturing food from more than 15 different ethnic food restaurants in the Corvallis and Albany com-

Gospel music will be echoing through the Commons from 12:15-12:45 as LB's Coordinator of Disability Services Dr. Cheryl Allison sings hymns and other songs in to commemorate Dr.

Racial sensitivity trainer Jane Elliott will speak and show a film at the Racial Awareness Workshop at the Student Lounge at 2-4 p.m. Elliott calls

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Faculty member sings in honor of King

by Lori Weedmark

of The Commuter

Coordinator of Disability Services Dr. Cheryl Allison will help in the celebration of Martin Luther King Jr's. life this week by singing folk and gospel songs in The Commons from 12:15 to 12:45 p.m. today.

Born in Detroit, Mich., Allison has been singing and playing piano since the age of 7. She grew up studying classical music and played and sang in the church choir

Allison moved to Oregon in 1988 and came to the Albany area in the summer of 1999 after accepting the position of disability coordinator at LBCC.

Though her position here keeps her busy, Allison still finds time to devote to her love of music and gospel

"Since coming here last year, I have been director of a choir group in Corvallis called the Inner Strength Choir, which meets every Monday evening," she said.

The multicultural center approached Allison about singing for MLK week, which she also did here last year. Allison will be singing a variety of songs including some folk songs that came out of the abolitionist movement during the time of slavery and some gospel.

'One of the songs I'll be singing is called 'Follow the Drinking Gourd'," said Allison. The song actually refers to the big dipper as the drinking gourd. According to Allison, the piece was sung to give direction to slaves

"I remember watching the news with my parents and seeing the people being knocked off their feet by the fire hoses." -Cheryl Allison



who were seeking freedom in the North, directing them to look for the big dipper and follow the north star which is at its tail end.

Allison's participation in the celebration of MLK has more meaning than just singing.

At the time of the Civil Rights movement, Allison was still too young to participate in the movement directly, but she was old enough to remember events of

"I was between the ages of 9 and 16 during that time," she said. "I remember watching the news with my parents and seeing the people being knocked off their feet by the fire hoses."

Allison also remembers the shooting and rioting (Turn to "Allison" on Pg. 2)

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Allah creates love machine

The three wives of Lebanese farmer Ghassan Abdel-Al are tired—very tired. Between them, they have given birth to 42 children, and judging by Ghassan's insatiable appetite for "love," things aren't about to let up any time soon. He is only 47 years old. So, to take the pressure off themselves, the three gave Abdel-Al what they consider the perfect gift—a fourth wife. He is very happy about it. "I can't live without love, or at least without women," he said. "That is the way Allah created me."

Here kitty, kitty

After his tenant suddenly vacated a rented Omaha, Neb., home due to his arrest for bank robbery, landlord Ray Besore went in to inspect the place and get it ready for a new renter. He opened the door and was met by a lunging sixmonth-old mountain lion, a pet of the former tenant. Besore immediately retreated. He was unharmed.

Put down the couch, honey

John Turner of Middlesbrough, England, took his wife, Pauline, to divorce court, because she rearranged the furniture in their home every single day of their 38-year marriage. Every single day. John cited grounds of unreasonable behavior. Pauline admits that her habit is, indeed, odd, but explained, "Everybody has their little obsession." The divorce was granted.

Bighouse sues Penthouse

David Joyner, who is serving 14 years in a Texas prison for robbery and assault, was disappointed at the nude pictures of Paula Jones in December's Penthouse, because they were not revealing enough. He is suing the magazine for \$500,000 because he was "very mentally hurt and angered" that the photographs did not live up to his expectations. To make his complaint seem more substantial, he identified himself as the Minister of Law of the Mandingo Warriors prison gang. It didn't work. The suit was dismissed, and His Ministership was fined \$250 for filing a frivolous legal motion.

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trying to find a happy medium with this, but people are confused as to where the new smoking areas are located. We are asking smokers to please comply with the new policy and as of now we are not enforcing but pointing out the new areas."

Peace Studies honored with MLK award

by Chad Richins

of The Commuter
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On Jan. 8 LBCC's Peace Studies program was honored by being given the Martin Luther King, Jr. Citizens' Award by the City of Corvallis.

The award was given for the work the PeaceStudies program has done in studying and promoting peace and for a symposium held this past summer.

The LBCC's Peace Studies program, directed by LBCC instructor Doug Clark, hosted 50 students and instructors from eight countries last August for the 10th Biennial International Symposium on Peace, Justice and Human Rights.

Clark has taken students from LBCC overseas to many similar conferences. The students get to take part in the workshops and discussions and socialize with their foreign counterparts. They then spend a few weeks traveling around the country they are visiting to learn about

the people and their cultures.

Clark was flattered and encouraged when he heard his program won the MLK award.

"It shows there is good work being done in the community and it is being recognized," he said.

The City of Corvallis, whose official motto is, "A community that honors diversity," seems to be backing up that claim

Clark got involved with the program in the early 1980's while on a Fulbright exchange trip to the Netherlands where he traded jobs with a Dutch professor who came to LBCC to teach. The professor, Leo Valk, was looking for a partner in the US to get an American group involved in the symposiums. LBCC was the first US community college to participate in the international symposiums, which promotes teaching peace education to avoid conflict.



Peace Studies club member Angus McBrian and advisor Doug Clark accept the MLK Citizens' Award last week in Corvallis.

The next International Peace Symposium is scheduled for 2002 in York, England. Any students wanting to participate should contact Clark here at LBCC.

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her film "Blue-Eyed/ Brown-Eyed" a dramatic and complete summary of her experience helping organizations take hold of the difficulties inherent in a diverse society.

LB's "Into the Streets for Seniors," program put on by the Student Ambassadors will have students visit the Alterra Assisted Living to provide entertainment with games and storytelling.

Tomorrow OSU's Vice Provost of Student Affair, Dr. Larry Roper, will facilitate a program for LB staff that intends to provide insights about the diverse community and what people can learn from the successes of their colleagues.

Also on Thursday a workshop will be held at the Fireside Room from 2-6 p.m.

Called "Growing as Allies," which is designed to help community members develop and strengthen their "ally" muscles. People will participate in group activities that will include pairs, caucuses, role plays and speak-outs. A pizza dinner will be provided for all participants as well as a certification of completion. Space is limited to the first 25 to sign up. Sign-up sheets are in the Student Life and Leadership offices.

In Albany at AMF lanes from 6-8 p.m. will be a mentor program for children and youths who will have a fun evening of bowling.

This weeks events opened yesterday in the Fireside Room when Carla Gary, J.D., director of Multi-Cultural Affairs at the University of Oregon came to LB and shared personal experiences and used humor to talk about how people can create a safe community.

Across the campus at the Student Lounge, a showing of the film "Skin Deep," featured a group of college students as they reveal their prejudices and try to understand each other.

A Canned Food Drive was held throughout the day with all the donations going to FISH, an Albany-based Christian charity group.

Off campus at the Corvallis Boys and Girls club volunteer students held a Seuss-a-thon, in which they read books and participated in activities that promoted literacy. Children who were part of the activity received a book and were served milk and cookies.

Allison: Singer recalls struggles of Civil Rights Movement

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that was happening right in her own neighborhood.

"It was like living in a war zone," she said. "I had to stay in the house for two weeks because it wasn't safe to go out. We kept the lights down and stayed away from the windows."

At the end of the two weeks, she was allowed to sit on her front porch for the first time. Allison remembers seeing Army jeeps come down her street, while just two streets away from her house, the whole block had been razed.

A fish market, a Black Panther office and several other businesses—gone.

Struggle is a part of history, and without struggle there would be no progress. So say many who have lived through the struggle and seen the positive changes that come from that struggle. And for Martin Luther King, struggle seemed to be his middle name.

Civil rights. Voters rights. Equal rights. Freedom marches. Watts riots. Bus boycotts. Integration. The list goes on still.

And the name Martin Luther King Jr. evokes different images from different people.

Some envision MLK at the podium, with his hand raised high, speaking to the people gathered there of his dream:

"I have a dream that my four little children will one day live

in a nation where they will not be judged by the color of their skin but by the content of their character...I have a dream that one day this nation will rise up and live out the true meaning of its' creed: 'We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal.'"

This was from King's most well-known speech, "I have a dream", from his address at a Civil Rights march on Washington August 28, 1963.

King's life was filled with many struggles and accomplishments, not only towards the rights of blacks in this country, but toward the rights of every person for equality. From the march on Washington in August, 1963 to the march to the Montgomery Courthouse in March of 1965 and his continued presence speaking and being involved in the movement to the end, which for King came in April of 1968.

"I was 15 when Martin Luther King was assassinated," Allison said. "The assassinations of both of the Kennedys (John F. and Bobby), Medgar Evers, Malcom X and King was very deflating to the people who thought that progress was being made."

To Allison, Martin Luther King week is a celebration of the man's life and accomplishments, but it also is a reminder that we are still not there.

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Campus News

Financial Aid Office offers free scholarship workshops

by Leon Tovey

of The Commuter

Need money for school?

Okay, maybe that's a foolish question. Who doesn't need money for school?

But how does a person go about get-

Today and tomorrow representatives from the Financial Aid Office and the Oregon Student Assistance Commission (OSAC) will try to answer that question with free scholarship workshops for LB

Today Julia Keizer, an OSAC representative who has served on scholarship committees in the past, will facilitate a workshop at noon in the Fireside Room. Tomorrow at noon, LB staff members will be holding a second workshop in the Siletz Room.

The workshops are designed to help students apply for OSAC scholarships particularly Ford Foundation scholarships. Students will be given advice on what scholarship committees look for in application essays and activities sheets, as well as information on helpful web

"The people conducting these workshops know what scholarship committees want," says Admissions/Scholarship Aid Specialist Lois DeGhetto. "And the information they give can be used for any scholarship application, not just OSAC."

DeGhetto, who will be one of the staff members on hand tomorrow, has been pleased with the success of the workshops in the past.

"People have really been responding," she says. "The first one was held in a classroom and there was barely enough room. This is the third year we've held them and we are expecting 30-50 students per workshop.'

DeGhetto believes that the workshops have made a big difference to community college students, many of whom don't realize how many scholarships are available and how attainable they actually are. The workshops are designed to change that.

"Students need money," she says. "We need to help them find it."



Photo by Chris Spence

Multicultural Welcome Students Arwen LeQuieu, Jamie Hamilton and Jeff Smith enjoy

munchies at last week's Multicultural Center's open house.

Free East-Linn shuttle available to students thanks to state cigarette tax

from the LBCC News Service

Students commuting to LB from East-Linn County communities may now ride the Linn County Shuttle free of charge by showing a current student ID card.

The college signed an agreement earlier this month with Senior Citizens of Sweet Home, Inc., which runs the Linn County Shuttle service, to provide an annual subsidy to cover the fares for students who use the shuttle. Jan. 16 is the official start date for the free

"It makes it much easier for East Linn students to take classes," said Dean of Student Services Diane

times daily, Monday through Friday, between Sweet Home and the main campus, with stops in Lebanon and Albany.

A second bus offers two daily runs from Brownsville, with stops in Halsey, Shedd and Tangent. For a printed schedule, call the Sweet Home Senior Center, (541) 367-4775 or pick up a copy at the LB Albany Center.

Students may catch the Sweet Home bus at the Sweet Home Senior Center, Lebanon Wal-Mart, Lebanon Senior Center, 2nd and Broadalbin Street transit stop in Albany, and the Target Store in Albany.

The Brownsville-Halsey bus may be boarded at the Brownsville Senior Center, Jerry's in Brownsville, The Linn County Shuttle currently runs a bus five Halsey Select Market, Shedd Market, Tangent City

Hall and Cenex Store in Tangent.

According to Sweet Home Senior Center Director Jean McKinney, the Linn County Shuttle will acquire two new buses in April. The new Sweet Home bus will carry 29 passengers, the new Brownsville bus 22; both buses will have wheelchair lifts.

The Linn County Shuttle is funded by a portion of the state cigarette tax allocated to elderly and handicapped transportation systems. It also provides transportation for clients of three Sheltered Workshops in Linn County, Willamette Valley Rehabilitation Center in Lebanon, Sunshine Industries in Sweet Home and Center Enterprises in Albany.

Politicians seek to block Internet porn in schools, libraries

by Ben Hughes

of The Commuter

During his campaign last year President-elect George W. Bush said as president he would require that schools and libraries obtaining federal funds must institute Internet filters that prevent minors from looking at sexual or violent material.

The issue of cybersmut infiltrating our public libraries and the minds of our children has been an issue since Congress passed the Communications Decency Act (CDA) in 1996, which was eventually struck down by the Supreme Court. Although the CDA failed, the drive to filter subject matter only became stronger.

The Child Online Protection Act (COPA), the current filtering mandate, was passed by both House and Senate on Dec. 15, 2000 as part of a government funding bill for 2001. The President is almost certain to sign the bill, which COPA is a part of.

COPA, an act that is similar to President Bush's wishes, would require public schools and libraries that receive federal funds to use filtering programs. Schools that do not have Internet access will receive funds if they comply with the filtering mandates. As a result, some schools and libraries could lose their federal funding if they refuse to use the filters, possibly robbing them of their Internet access.

It is not clear which type of software will be used, but some fear that sites that don't contain explicit material will be rensored—a violation of the First Ammendment.

The American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) says it will soon launch a legal challenge to legislation authorizing Internet filters. An 18-member commission appointed by Congress also shot down the concept of

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-Jim Crotts

using current filtering programs. The American Library Association, the Society of Professional Journalist, the American Family Association, the Free Congress Foundation, and state chapters of the Eagle Forum have all jumped on that same bandwagon, claiming that the software is tactless and will compromise the First Amendment.

Mike Holland, vice president of Administrative and Student services, said filters too often inadvertently screen out material representing legitimate educational sites protected by the First Amendment.

Jim Crotts, head of LBCC Internet support, who does not support a filtering program at LBCC, said that these type of filters proposed by Congress get so picky that a student searching a topic such as "breast cancer" will come up with limited sites because the search contained the word "breast."

According to a press release last December, House Majority Leader Richard "Dick" Armey, a supporter of Internet filtering, discovered that his own site was filtered because it contained the word "Dick" within the text. Many other candidates running for Congress

had their sites blocked according to a recent report by

The American Family Association's Web site, which contains acceptable dialect about the organization's view on homosexuality, was blocked by a filter as well.

Although COPA is gaining support in Congress, the commission created by Congress, the Child Online Protection Commission, has voted not to use Internet filters and educate parents on the dilemma instead, which is not far from LBCC's perspective.

"We, as a college, are on the side of openness, the side of freedom to search for sites. We would rather rely on appropriateness. We try to focus on the academic guidelines of using the (computer) equipment. Our equipment here is for academic use, to support the academics of the college" Crotts said.

Holland added, "we need to look at the new legislation to see if it will have any impact on LBCC."

As a general question, why would a school or library want to spend money on a Internet filtering system that offers no guarantee that pornographic sites will be blocked? According to Chicago Alderman Ginger Rugai (19th), Internet filters would "make all of us feel much more comfortable with our children using, as they should, technology at our libraries . . . in the safest possible manner.'

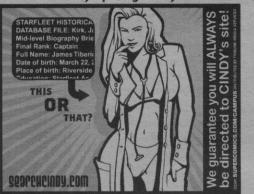
So far it looks like there will be no quick solution to the porn that stalks our mailboxes and to the explicit material that haunts the minds of parents. As far as involving the Child Online Protection Act, society must ask the question: Is the extra sense of security worth violating the First Amendment? For some student opinion on the issue, see pg. 8.

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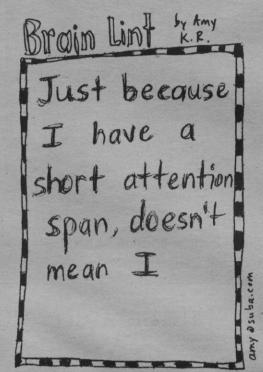
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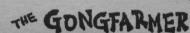
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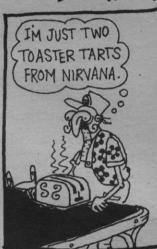








BY RANDY REGIER









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ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

Musicians on verge of fame visit Venetian

Underground favorites Floater and Montoya bring eclectic mix and classic blues to Albany

by Chad Richins

of The Commuter

It is always a special moment when you can enjoy something before it becomes the hottest new thing, a household name and, finally, a cliche.

Nirvana playing at The Crocodile Cafe to a crowd of three people before "grunge" became the music of a generation.

A 19-year-old Shaquille O'Neal lighting up the boards at Louisiana State University.

The first pre-teen who impressed his friends by gliding by on a Razor Scooter before they got so huge anyone old enough to worry about being "cool" wouldn't be caught dead on them

It's consumer culture, folks. Get it while it's hot.

This week at the Venetian Theater in downtown Albany, two acts are lined up to entertain you, and they happen to

share the characteristic of being underground icons in their own genres with verifiable talent who have so far not taken the last step to national prominence.

Floater, originally from Eugene and now based in Portland, are a three-piece band whose sound is hard to describe. With elements of funk, metal and rock mixed with psychedelic and almost Celtic rhythms, Floater has developed a loyal following and seems poised to take the next step.

Coco Montoya, who has played with blues greats Albert Collins and John Mayall, is nationally know in blues circles, but has yet to leap out into the popular music arena. A master guitarist, Montoya is also a talented vocalist, something that guitar greats like Carlos Santana and Robin Trower never mastered, letting others vocalize their songs for them.

The Venetian offers a chance to get close to these up and coming acts in an intimate venue. Floater takes the stage at 9 p.m. on Friday with a \$10 cover and Montoya and his band play the next evening at the same time with advanced tickets costing \$17. Tickets are \$20 at the door.



Eric Land exhibits sculptures at LBCC art gallery.

Gallery exhibits faculty talent

from the LBCC News Service

Eric Land and Rebecca Chase will exhibit their works through Friday, Jan. 26 in the LBCC Art Gallery, first floor of the Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences Bldg. The gallery is open 8 a.m.-5 p.m., Monday through Friday. Admission is free. The college will be closed Monday, Jan. 15, for Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

Land's geometric welded steel sculptures represent the physical form of feelings he has experienced, Land said. Chase's drawings in pencil, pastel, and colored pencil, and her painted board sculptures display her many-faceted artistic

"Drawing for me is a hopeful activity, not unlike religion," Chase said.

Land and Chase are part-time LBCC faculty members from Dorena, Ore., and Eugene, respectively. For more information, call Gallery Coordinator Linda Westbrook, 929-2853.

Julia Stiles' talent not enough to save 'Last Dance'

by Mary Elkins and Michelle Mayo of The Commuter

"Save the Last Dance" topped the box office last weekend (1-12-01) while being roundly criticized by critics, one calling it a "C-" movie at best. People Magazine suggests audiences will have "to sit it out."

In this modern day hip-grinding, Romeo and Juliet inner city tale, 17-year-old Sara Johnson (Julia Stiles) has her heart set on being a prima ballerina. But her dreams get crushed when her mother is killed and she is shipped off to live with her estranged father (Terry Kinney) in the decaying Southside Chicago neighborhood where she has to learn to fit in at Wheatly High School with the whitest face on campus.

Director Thomas Carter portray the inner city setting realistically but manage to make it seem a place where dreams can flourish in the face of adversity.

Derek Reynolds (Sean Patrick Thomas), who is accepted to Georgetown University, can't help but ask Sara out on the dance floor at Steps (the local hangout), but the ballerina doesn't know hip from hop.

The dance floor isn't the only thing the two need to overcome. Derek needs to deal with the on going pressures from his best friend Malakai (Fredo Starr, aka Q-tip, who also does most of the music in the film.) to resume his life as a gangster. The pair also are under fire for being an interracial couple.

Nikki (Bianca Lawson), Sara's archrival for Derek's affection, considers Sara to be a threat to black women everywhere.

The dancing makes you want to bump



Photo courtesy Paramount Pictures

Derek Reynolds (Thomas) encourages dancer Sara Johnson (Stiles) in "Save the Last Dance."

and grind right in your seat while you watch the characters' pasts unfold and their dreams come true in a predictable ending.

"Save the Last Dance" is a movie to

wait for on video. The dialogue was bleak while the driving music kept the movie rolling. Julia Stiles, however riveting in her dance, should have saved herself for a more challenging role.





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Oregon Rope Skippers

The oregon Rope Skippers entertained the crowd during the intermission at last Saturday's Roadrunner basketball game held in the Activities Center. The Skippers, coached by Donna Vangaton, are from North Albany schools. The Skippers have competed in various competitions, such as the Junior Olympics.

Lady Runners' 11 preseason wins surpass last year's record

Jason Amberg

of The Commuter

The Lady Roadrunners got their 2000-01 season off to a hot start last month when they placed in all of the four tournaments they entered, ending the preseason with a record of 11-3. They've already won more games than last year when they went 10-17.

Despite the early success and the seven game winning streak to end the preseason, not everything has been rosy for the team. Freshman wing Katie Jarrett was lost for the season when she tore her ACL last month and redshirt sophomore McKenzie Fauth left the team for unspecified reasons. More recently the team has been fighting the flu, and was down to only seven players in their last preseason game.

The Lady Roadrunners are leaving an impression everywhere they've played. After they brought home a third place trophy from the Shasta Tournament in Redding, Calif., over Thanksgiving weekend, the team was presented with the first trophy of the A.J. Dionne era at LB. "I'm gonna build a trophy case for this," she said at the time.

The coach will have to redesign the plans of that trophy case, since the Roadrunners took a second, third, and first in three successive tournaments. Dionne's Roadrunners spent the weekend before fall term finals week in Eugene taking second place in the Dale Bates Tournament hosted by Lane Community College. LB beat Lower Columbia Community College 67-61 in the first game, with freshman point guard Christy Rickert leading the way with 19 points. Freshmen forwards Rebecca Torresdal scored 13 and Dusty Damon tossed in 11.

In the championship game the Runners fell to the host Titans 66-76. Rickert had 17 points and five assists in the game, and Damon added 13 points and 13 boards. Sophomore wing McKenzie Fauth also had 12

points. Damon and Rickert received All-Tournament team honors.

A week later the team headed for the Wenatchee Valley Tourney, in Washington, where they again placed third and brought home another trophy. In the first game the Lady Runners shot the lights out against an alumni team from Wenatchee Valley, winning 105-72. The Runners shot over 53 percent for the game, including 10 for 23 from behind the three-point arc. Rickert again, led the way with 25 points, while Damon scored 18 of her own and sophomore guard Summer Wright added 14 including four of six three-pointers.

In the next game LB struggled against the Wenatchee Valley Knights, losing 62-75. Sophomore wing Kelley Dexter led the Runners with 15 points, while Rickert contributed 12 points and four steals.

In the consolation game the Runners edged the Vikings from Big Bend Community College 74-71. Despite trailing 30-39 at halftime, the Runners came out of the break with hot hands, shooting over 51 percent in the second half. Damon led the way for the Runners with 25 points on 11 for 13 shooting and also added seven rebounds. Freshmen wing Linzi Strohm helped out with 15 points. Damon and Dexter were honored with All Tournament selections.

When the Lady Roadrunners returned home to host the NWAACC Annual Crossover Tournament Dec. 14-16. The Runners failed to show proper manners and kicked their three opponents around the Activities Center taking first place. The Runners led the Pierce College Raiders 36-27 at the half before pouring it on in the second winning 79-44. Wright led the team with 22 points and Kelly Dexter tossed in 21 with both making three triples

In the second game the Runners ran over the Blue Mountain Timberwolves 118-58 as Rickert, who had 25 points, led six Lady Runners in double figures with Damon getting 20, Pass 19, Wright going for 14 and Dexter and freshman forward Robyn Ward each getting 10.

In the championship game LB went against the Yaks from Yakima Valley, winning 77-63. This time the Runners were led by Dexter, with 19 points, nine rebounds and two blocks. Rickert had a great all around game with 16 points, eight assists and seven steals. Damon added 12 points and Ward 11. Rickert and Wright received spots on the All-Tournament Team and Dexter was chosen as tournament MVP.

In the final game before Christmas the Runners hosted the Timberwolves and had similar success, winning 79-56. Rickert again led the team with 20 points. Pass added 16 and Dexter 15, with both grabbing eight rebounds. Wright had a good game with 11 assists, nine boards, and seven steals.

Following a brief break for Christmas the team headed to Longview, Wash., for a game against Lower Columbia. LB again squeaked past the Red Devils 61-60 with Pass' 16 points and 11 boards leading the way. Rickert added 13 points and five assists, with Damon getting 12 points and Wright accounting for 11 more and four steals.

In the last game of the preseason LB traveled to Pendleton to try their hand on the Timberwolves home court. Despite being short-handed with only seven players available, the Runners pulled out the win on the road 88-80. Wright scored 29 including making seven of 14 shots from behind the arc. Rickert had a complete game with 14 points, got 11 assists and managed seven steals, and Strohm added 15 points.

At the end of the preseason, the Runners were led in scoring by Rickert at 14.7 points per game, Damon with 13.2, and Dexter at 10.8. Dexter is leading the team in rebounding with six per game, and Wright leads the team with 4.3 assists per game.

Three LBCC volleyball stars play for Southern Region in All-Star tournament

by Christina Laramore

of The Commuter

The LBCC Volleyball team sent three of its star players to the All-Star Volleyball tournament held last month at Yakima Valley in Washington following the close of the 2000 season.

Sophomores Jamie Caster, Sheryl Baga and Shannon Gerding played for the Southern Region, which also included players from Mt. Hood, Chemeketa, Southwestern, Lane and Clackamas Community Colleges.

Caster, Baga and Gerding helped fill the 12 slots available on the team based on their stats and overall performance during the season.

The Southern Region played against

the North, West and the East regions.

The Southern Region defeated the North squad in the first match, 15-2, 3-15 and 15-9.

They then turned around and beat the West as well, 15-6 and 15-2.

But the South all-stars lost in their final match to the Eastern Region, 3-15, 15-12, and 10-15.

The coach for the South was Michael Seeman from Mt. Hood Community College, who was named coach of the year.

"It was very low key this year," Elliott said of the tournament, pointing out that fan turnout was low. "It could have been due to the distance, (but) not very many fans could drive all the way down there."

Halftime contest lures fans to games

by Commuter Staff

Free pizza is the latest incentive for attending Roadrunner basketball games.

Athletic Director Greg Hawk is trying to create a better home court advantage by luring more spectators to the Activities Center on Wednesday and Saturday nights for Roadrunner basketball.

The newest attraction to join the program is a halftime pizza shootout. With help from Izzy's and Pizza Hut, Hawk is hoping to improve crowd participation, particularly after halftime.

To register for the shootout, participants sign up at the ticket taker's table prior to halftime of each game. During halftime names are drawn at random and the shooter's have one shot from behind the three-point arc. Shooters continue to be drawn until the prizes have been won. The prizes include dinner buffets and large pizza from the sponsors.

Last Saturday's crowd had additional entertainment from the Oregon Rope Skippers, which kept the crowd entertained throughout the intermission. Other entertainment includes performances by the LBCC Dancers during timeouts.

"We have the best entertainment package in the Southern Region," says Hawk

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BOX SCORES

Men's Games

Linn-Benton 60, Southwestern Oregon 59

SWOCC (59): Philips 1-5 0-0 3, Pachito 0-3 3-7 3, Malek 0-2 0-0 0, Page 1-6 1-2 5, Ainsworth 2-5 1-2 5, Devine 1-7 0-0 2, Kamakura 3-6 0-0 8, Gray 4-8 3-4 13, Mitchell 0-1 1-2 1, Perkins 0-1 1-2 1, Jagelski 10-11 2-4 22. Totals 22-56 10-20

LBCC (60): Robertson 2-2 0-0 4, Michaelis 5-8 5-10 17, Marshall 3-16 4-8 11, Campbell 0-3 0-1 0, Brusseau 2-5 2-3 6, Blevins 3-6 2-2 10, Coats 2-7 0-0 4, Rodgers 1-1 0-0 2, Grock 1-1 4-5 6. Totals 19-49 17-29 60.

Halftime—SWOCC 31, LBCC 31. 3-point goals—SWOCC 5-17 (Phillips 1-4, Kamakura 2-3, Gray 2-3), LBCC 5-21 (Michaelis 2-5, Marshall 1-4, Blevins 2-3). Total Fouls—SWOCC 23, LBCC 24. Total Rebounds—SWOCC 34 (Jagelski 10), LBCC 40 (Marshall 6). Assists—SWOCC 14 (Phillips 4), LBCC 7 (Coats 3). Turnovers—SWOCC 14, LBCC 9. Blocked shots—SWOCC 1 (Ainsworth), LBCC 4 (Robertson, Marshall, Coats, Rogers). Steals—SWOCC 4 (Gray 2), LBCC 8 (Brusseau 3). Technicals—Kamakura, Michaelis.

Portland 88, Linn-Benton 62

PCC (88):Hudson 1-3 0-1 2, Hutcherson 3-7 0-0 7, Kirk 5-5 1-2 12, Norris 1-3 0-0 3, Hawthorne 0-2 0-1 0, Wilson 8-17 1-2 17, Jackson 1-2 0-0 2, Johal 7-8 1-3 15, Farr 5-7 0-0 10, Foster 9-25 1-2 20. Totals 40-79 4-11 88.

LBCC (62): Robertson 5-12 1-1 12, Michaelis 1-2 0-0 3, Hutchins 0-2 0-0 0, Marshall 4-9 3-5 11, Campbell 0-1 0-0 0, Gilder 2-2 2-4 8, Brusseau 4-10 5-6 13, Blevins 4-7 0-0 8, Coats 1-2 0-2 3, Rodgers 1-6 0-1 2, Grock 0-2 2-2 2. Totals 22-55 13-21 62.

Halftime—PCC 39, LBCC 28. 3-point goals—PCC 4-11 (Hutcherson 1-2, Kirk 1-1, Norris 1-1, Foster 1-5, Hawthorne 0-1, Wilson 0-1), LBCC 5-18 (Robertson 1-6, Michaelis 1-1, Marshall 0-1, Gilder 2-2, Brusseau 0-3, Blevins 0-2, Rodgers 0-1). Total fouls—PCC 18, LBCC 15. Total rebounds—PCC 45 (Wilson 9), LBCC 34 (Marshall 6). Total assists—PCC 12 (Foster 5), LBCC 13 (Robertson 4). Turnovers—PCC 12, LBCC 14. Blocked shots—PCC 2 (Norris, Wilson), LBCC 3 (Grock). Steals—PCC 9 (Johal 3, Foster 3), LBCC 9 (Robertson 3). Technicals—Wilson.

Women's Games

Southwestern Oregon 93, Linn-Benton 73 SWOCC (93): Lavin 2-90-05, C.Murray 6-11 0-0 13, M.Murray 5-10 0-0 14, Benner 6-13 1-2 15, Williams 10-17 2-2 22, Dudley 0-1 0-0 0, Turner 4-5 5-7 13, Cragg 0-2 0-0 0, Dolezal 3-7 0-0 6, Deeg 2-3 1-2 5, Wilkin 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 38-78 9-13 93

LBCC (73): Wright 6-12 4-4 18, Rickert 2-11 2-4 7, Damon 10-13 7-9 27, Pass 6-10 0-1 12, Dexter 1-6 0-2 2, Ward 1-1 0-0 2, Scott 0-1 0-0 0, Torresdal 0-2 1-2 1, Starker 0-1 2-5 2, Strohm 1-3 0-1 2. Totals 27-60 16-28 73.

Halftime—SWOCC 52, LBCC 25. 3-point goals—SWOCC 8-20 (Lavin 1-3, C.Murray 1-3, M.Murray 4-6, Benner 2-8), LBCC 3-6 (Wright 2-4, Rickert1-1, Dexter 0-1). Total Fouls—SWOCC 21, LBCC 17. Total Rebounds—SWOCC 42 (Williams 7), LBCC 44 (Damon 11). Assists—SWOCC 21 (M.Murray 5), LBCC 12 (Wright 5). Turnovers—SWOCC 17, LBCC 27. Blocked shots—SWOCC 1 (M.Murray), LBCC 1 (Wright). Steals—SWOCC 12 (M.Murray 3), LBCC 7 (Wright 4). Technicals—None.

Linn-Benton 70, Portland 57

PCC (57): Sager 4-15 8-12 17, Sipp 2-8 0-0 4, Cason 0-50-40, Middleton 4-15 6-6 14, Andreas 1-5 0-0 2, Litvin 3-11 2-5 8, Dizer 1-7 2-2 4, Frison 3-4 2-2 8, Coppock 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 18-70 20-29

LBCC (70): Wright 5-11 5-8 17, Rickert 2-11 2-27, Pass 5-12 2-2 12, Dexter 2-6 3-5 8, Damon 4-7 2-4 10, Strohm 2-5 0-0 4, Ward 2-5 0-0 4, Torresdal 0-3 0-0 0, Scott 0-0 2-2 2, Starker 2-8 1-3 6, Totals 24-68 17-26 70.

Halftime—PCC 29. LBCC 41. 3-point goals—PCC 1-11 (Sager 1-4, Sipp 0-3, Cason 0-2, Dizer 0-2), LBCC 5-18 (Wright 2-6, Rickert 1-4, Dexter 1-5, Starker 1-3). Total Fouls—PCC 20, LBCC 24. Total Rebounds—PCC 43 (Sager 10), LBCC 42 (Damon, Dexter 10). Assists—PCC 5 (Sager 2), LBCC 15 (Dexter 5). Turnovers—PCC 15, LBCC 15. Blocked Shots—PCC 5 (Litvin 3, Cason, Middleton) LBCC 3 (Damon, Dexter, Ward). Steals—PCC 10 (Sager 4), LBCC 14 (Dexter 3). Technicals—None.

RECORDS

Men:

1-1 league, 2-13 overall, 7th place

Women:

1-1 league, 12-4 overall, 4th place

LB women fall to SWOCC; handle PCC

by Jason Amberg

of The Commuter

Following a stellar preseason, the Lady Roadrunners stumbled in their first game of the regular season before regrouping for a win Saturday.

"It's a whole different ball game in the South Conference," said LB Coach A.J. Dionne prior to league's season opener.

"Anybody can beat anybody on any given night."
The Runners ran into a hot-shooting team on Wednesday with the Southwestern Oregon Community College Lakers.
The Lakers shot over 53 percent while LB shot only 36 percent in the first half, giving the Lakers a 52-25 halftime lead. In addition, the Runners ended up committing 27 turnovers.

The Runners continued their slide at the start of the second half, falling behind by 33. Things started to look up for the team as Coach Dionne finally found the right combination to make a run at the Lakers, helping the Lady Runners close the gap to 10 with just over five minutes left in the game.

Starters Summer Wright and Dusty Damon led the way, with bench players Linzi Strohm and Wendy Starker, among others, helping out. But the Runners would never get closer than 10. The Lakers finally broke the run, and after trading baskets they broke the Runners' backs with a three-pointer. The Runners eventually fell 93-73.

"We played too bad for too long," said Dionne. "We didn't play 100 percent from the tip. Our help side defense wasn't there resulting in easy lay-ups."

She went on to say, "Strohm and Starker played great. Summer had a good game and Dusty Damon was unstoppable. We just ran out of time."

The Lady Runners were led by Damon's 27 points, on 10 of 13 shooting, and 11 rebounds. Wright had 18 points, five assists and four steals, and Christin Pass contributed to the cause with 12 points and eight boards.

Saturday evening in the Activities Center at LB, the Lady Runners bounced back against Portland Community College (PCC) Panthers to post their first league win of the year, 70-57. The win evened out the Lady Runners league record at 1-1 and 12-4 overall.

LB scratched and clawed its way to a 41-29 halftime lead despite early foul trouble to point guard Christy Rickert, forcing coach Dionne to adjust her rotation. Wright led the team



Photo by Christopher Spence

Robyn Ward takes a shot in last Saturday's game against Portland Community College. Teammates Linzi Strohm and Kelley Dexter wait to grab the rebound.

with 10 points at halftime and Starker scored all six of her points in the first half as well. The Runners coasted for much of the second half as they traded baskets with the Panthers.

PCC began to make a comeback late in the second half, cutting the lead to three. The Lady Runners came alive at the end, pulling away as Christin Pass scored eight of the teams last 11 points before time ran out. The Runners were led by Wright's 18 points, Pass' 12 and Damon's 10 points and 10 boards.

Men open league 1-1; slip by Lakers, lose to PCC

by Christina Laramore

of The Commuter

The men's basketball team opened up league play last week better than they finished their preseason in December, beating Southwestern Oregon 60-59, after being tied with SWOCC 31 at the half.

"I think what we did different in the second half was that we picked up our defense and intensity and handled their press well," said Coach Randy Faulk.

LB's leading scorer was David Michaelis, who finished with 17 points. Michaelis was five for eight from the field and five for 10 from the line. He also added four rebounds, one assist, and two steals to his totals. Doug Marshall had 11 points in the game, six rebounds, one assist, and one blocked shot.

As a team, LB shot 38.8 percent from the field and 23.8 percent from three-point range. The Runners also had 40 rebounds.

SWOCC's leading scorer, Jay Jagelski, had 22 points, 10 rebounds, and two assists. SWOCC shot 39.3 percent from field goal range and 29.4 percent from three-point range.

"It was a very close game," said Faulk.
"We are very excited. The guys did a great job defensively."

The Runners excitement didn't last long, however. They turned around and lost to Portland Community College 62-88 Saturday night.

LB was down at the half 28-39, and then was outscored 34-49 in the second half. The Runners were led by J.R. Brusseau, who totaled 13 points in the game. Brusseau was four for 10 from the

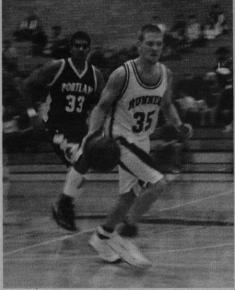


Photo by Christopher Spence

Andrew Coats drives down the court followed by a Portland defender.

field, zero for three from three-point range and five for six from the line.

The Panthers played tough defense and the Runners couldn't seem to break the full court press. LB also could not get their passes under control, and turned the ball over 14 times. As a result PCC scored many of their points off of loose balls.

PCC shot 50.6 percent from the field, while LB shot only 40 percent.

The Runners are now 1-1 in league play, following a disappointing preseason in which they lost 12 out of 13 games.

LB's one win of preseason play was against Cascade College's JV team on Dec. 8, 75-62. The Roadrunners shot 36.2

percent from field goal range and 52.9 percent from the free throw line. LB's leading scorer was Casey Campbell who totaled 20 points, hitting five of his 17 shots from the field and ending the game 9 of 10 from the line. Campbell also had four rebounds and one blocked shot.

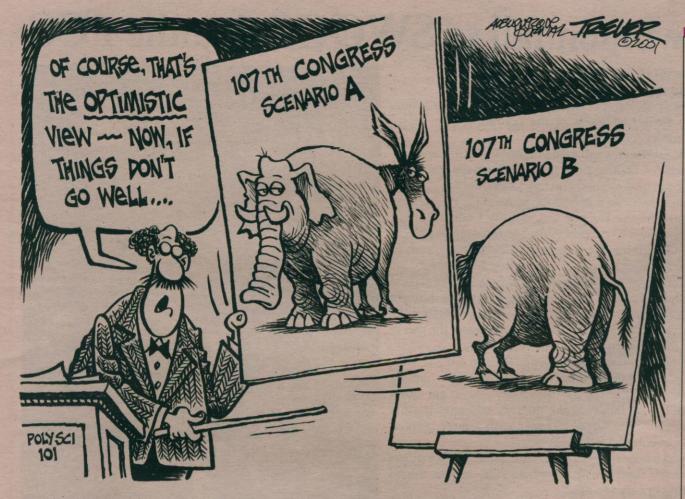
LB played Lane Community College twice in preseason play and lost to the Titans both times. In their first meeting on Dec. 1, LB totaled 28 turnovers and shot only 29.3 percent from the field. In their second face-off, the Roadrunners shot better, hitting 49.2 percent from the field, but it was not enough to overcome the Titans.

The Runners lost three times to Blue Mountain over a period of about two weeks. The first loss came in Pendleton Dec. 20, where the Timberwolves won a close game 86-79 in which the Runners shot 47.8 percent from the field. After Christmas LB again met Blue Mountain, this time in the Clackamas Tournament in Oregon City, this time falling by a more decisive 96-78 score. LB also lost to Umpquain that event. The Runners took on the Timberwolves one more time on Jan. 6 for their final preseason match-up, but this time were limited to only eight healthy players. They put up a good fight, led by Marshall's 29 points and six rebounds, but still lost 81-72.

LB's other preseason losses were to the Willamette JVs 84-77, Northwest Christian College 88-57, Lower Columbia, 86-80, Skagit Valley 81-61, Clackamas 92-79, and the Linfield JVs 92-79.

LB will travel to Mt. Hood Community College tonight to play the Saints.

OPINION



I AM NOT A LIBERAL

Costs of 'free' trade much too high

by Angus McBrian of The Commuter

Amidst much bickering and controversy, George W.

Bush will be sworn in as our next President in just three days. But the significance of this changing of the guard lies neither in the exceptional circumstances surrounding the election nor in the battle over his cabinet appointments. Instead, the importance of this event lies in the unexceptional and the routine—in continuity rather than discontinuity.



Angus McBrian

Some cry foul over a "stolen elec-

tion" and the denial of voter's rights. Others ask that the country move beyond the election controversy to the business at hand. But these are distractions. The real story is the Bush administration's de facto support for free trade. It was almost entirely absent from the election campaigns.

But this seemingly innocuous concept, one covered in basic economics courses and associated with such terms as freedom, competition and efficiency, is the real thief of democracy and human rights.

From the elder Bush's instigation of the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA), to Ross Perot's 1992 rambling opposition to that agreement, to protests against the World Trade Organization (WTO) in 1999, the American public has been treated to periodic bursts of discussion of the issue typical of corporate media.

But progress in the expansion of free trade has been contrastingly constant and successful. US trade representatives have participated in ongoing negotiations, including those for a Free Trade Area of the Americas (FTAA) aimed at eliminating the impediments to international trade and investment between the US and its economic partners.

These mostly non-events have continued and will continue, with a typically uninformed public being fed intermittent explanations for why free trade is "good," and how it will bring prosperity to the world; the so-called win-win situation.

However, when the propaganda is at all examined, it is revealed to be less scientific explanation and more ideological rhetoric. The Gross Domestic Product disintegrates when gross inequalities in income become evident. Economic growth indicators lose their importance in the face of increasing environmental devastation.

In fact, with each trade agreement citizens of participating countries lose control over their lives and resources. The essence of the ideology of free trade is the

idea that the market and its attendant "forces" are the most efficient means for deciding the allocation of resources in a society. For the market to fulfill this role all barriers to its efficient operation must be removed. This means that laws or policies that cause individuals and organizations to make buying and selling decisions based on anything other that product price and quality must be eliminated.

This is deadly logic. In practice it means that environmental regulations, labor protections, safety regulations and human rights are subject to dismissal. In the United States this has meant the weakening of the Endangered Species Act and the Clean Air Act. In Canada it has meant that the government can be sued by the manufacturer of a toxic and carcinogenic substance for banning its sale for public safety. In Mexico it has meant deepening poverty and suppression of workers organizing to protect their rights.

In these situations, air quality, species extinction and public safety all take a back seat to the imperatives of the market. Rational decisions by society's decision-making institutions are negated by the rules of these free trade agreements.

The examples and scenarios are endless but consider this: the anti-apartheid economic campaign of non-investment and embargo targeted at South Africa in the '80s, would probably be illegal in today's framework of international trade and investment.

What about democracy? Whether we're talking about the relatively open US or another, less-open society, whatever access citizens have to decision-making is easily and consistently diminished and lost when faced with the rules of NAFTA or the WTO.

The obvious explanation for this seeming illogic is that its biggest proponents are its biggest beneficiaries. Corporate leaders and their brethren in power around the world continue to profit as restrictions on their ability to do so are eliminated.

But don't take my word for it. Listen to the speeches. For those of you business majors and students enrolled in economics courses, talk to your instructors. Ask for more support for so-called "free" trade than a few numbers. Ask about the widening global gap between the rich and poor. Ask whether economic growth doesn't in fact come at the expense of the natural environment. Ask for a convincing argument for free trade that is based solely on results rather than "theory." Look beyond the ideological arguments for the facts.

The media likes to cover the new and the exciting. But the subject of greatest importance this week, and every week after, is in the continuation of this policy championed by presidents and presidential-hopefuls alike—a policy that promises to steal more than a few elections.

WHAT STUDENTS THINK

What do you think about government mandated porn filters?

LBCC students were asked about government mandating the use of filters designed to keep users of computers in public schools and libraries from accessing so-called obscene content.



"I'm okay with it.
If the government is funding the schools they should be able to have a say and able to limit resources."

—Matt Mayer

"Yeah! My 12 year old is on the internet all the time and we had to put a block on it because he had porn on there. It is to easy for kids to access porn on the Internet."



—Stacey Kroese.



"I don't know. That's tricky. I'd probably be for it."—James Jordan.

"For High Schools and Grade Schools it is a good idea. I have a 13 year old daughter and I know what goes on in chat rooms."—
Scharee Lunn.





"One of my teachers went on the internet and typed in skin.com and a bunch of naked women came up instead. I think that is so inappropriate.—Trisha Sisco

"To an extent it is good. It makes more sense to do it for grade schools and high schools."

—Dominic Ciciriello

